

**ARTICLE 8**  
**LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS**  
**AND DEFINITIONS**



## Chapter 86      Use Types

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### [Chapter 87 - Definitions](#)

#### **11-86-1:      Purpose and Applicability**

Use classifications describe one or more uses of land having similar characteristics, but do not list every use or activity that may appropriately be within the classification. The Zoning Administration shall determine whether a specific use shall be deemed to be within one or more use classifications or not within any classification in this Chapter. The [Zoning Administrator](#) may determine that a specific use shall not be deemed to be within a classification, whether or not named within the classification, if its characteristics are substantially incompatible with those typical of uses named within the classification.

#### **11-86-2:      Residential Use Classifications**

**Single Residence.** A dwelling unit designed for occupancy by one household, and located on a separate lot from any other unit (except accessory dwelling units, where permitted). This classification includes individual manufactured housing units and individual recreational vehicles when used as residences in RV parks and subdivisions.

**Detached.** A single residence dwelling unit that is not attached to any other dwelling unit (except accessory living quarters, where permitted).

**Attached.** A single residence dwelling unit, located singly on a lot, but attached through common vertical walls to one or more dwellings on abutting lots. An attached single residence dwelling unit is sometimes referred to as a “townhome” or a “[rowhouse](#).”

**Accessory Dwelling Unit.** A secondary living quarters, attached or detached from the primary dwelling, located on a single residence lot when authorized as described in [Article 2](#), which may or may not have a second kitchen, and may function independently of the primary dwelling by means of separate access.

**Multiple Residence.** Two or more primary dwelling units on a single lot. Types of multiple residence dwellings include duplexes, garden apartments, and multi-story apartment buildings.

**Assisted Living.** A residential care institution intended for occupancy by persons of advanced age or limited ability for self-care, which may provide food, transportation, recreation, or other services to the residents thereof, and which is licensed by the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) to perform supervisory care, personal care, or custodial care services. The term shall include boarding houses, dormitories, apartments, and similar multiple-residence living arrangements when operated as an assisted living facility as defined herein, but shall not include group homes for the handicapped, adult care homes, nursing homes, hospitals, or hotels.

**Day Care Group Home.** A facility, the primary use of which is a residence, in which care of children through the age of 12 years is regularly provided for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours per day.

**Small Day Care Group Home.** Home daycare for less than 5 children full- or part-time.

**Large Day Care Group Home.** Home day care for not less than 5 children full-time and part-time but no more than 10 children full-time and part-time.

**Group Residential.** A residential facility of 6 or more unrelated persons providing living facilities, sleeping rooms, and meals, and which shall have a permit issued by the [Maricopa County Health Department](#) as a boarding home.

**Boarding House.** A dwelling in which the owner(s) or primary occupant(s) provides 3, 4, or 5 bedrooms as lodging for compensation and in which food may be served to the occupants thereof. The occupancy of 1 or 2 bedrooms for compensation shall not be considered a boarding house, provided not more than 2 guests shall occupy each bedroom. The term shall include group homes, dormitories and similar congregate-living arrangements but shall not include hospitals, nursing homes, hotels, group homes for the handicapped, social service facilities as specified in this [Zoning Ordinance](#), hotels and motels, bed and breakfast establishments or a dwelling occupied by 1 or more individuals living together without supervision as a single housekeeping unit.

**Correctional Transitional Housing Facility (CTHF).** A supervised residential center where individuals who are completing a sentence, reside for a defined period of time for counseling, job placement assistance, and similar services that assist in transitioning from institutional to community living. A CTHF is not exempt from the tax imposed under [Mesa City Code §5-10-445](#). The term shall include any boarding house, dormitory, or apartment building or other dwelling when developed, promoted, advertised, or operated as a CTHF, but shall not include group homes for the handicapped, or any facility providing counseling or other services to individuals who do not reside on the premises. The maximum number of residents is limited to 30.

**Group Home for the Handicapped (GHH).** A dwelling shared as a primary residence by handicapped persons living together as a single housekeeping unit, in which staff persons may provide on-site care, training, or support. Group Homes for the Handicapped shall not include nursing homes, boarding houses, personal care homes, recovery homes, other kinds of group homes, foster homes or homes for the developmentally disabled. GHH or service provided therein shall be licensed and certified, as may be required by the applicable federal, state, or county agency.

**Group Housing.** A residential facility of 6 or more unrelated persons providing living facilities, sleeping rooms, and meals and which shall have a permit issued by the [Maricopa County Health Department](#) as a boarding home.

**Home Occupations:** An ancillary use in any Residence or [Mixed Use](#) district which:

- A. Is clearly incidental to a residence use;
- B. Is subordinate to the purpose of the residence use;
- C. Contributes to the comfort, convenience, or necessity of occupants in the residence use;
- D. Is located on the same lot or parcel as the residence use served;
- E. Includes swimming lessons, babysitting, and fine arts instruction, each for 5 or fewer persons;
- F. Includes door-to-door and telephone solicitation, and,
- G. Includes uses and activities that can be conducted entirely indoors without negatively impacting the residential character of the neighborhood or health, safety, and welfare of neighbors; and,
- H. Excludes on-site exchange of sold or bartered goods (exceptions made for occasional and infrequent exchanges), on-site vehicle repair as a commercial use, commercial warehousing or storage – indoor or outdoor, non-resident employees working in the home, or manufacturing of products using hazardous materials or equipment not typically found in household settings.

**Manufactured Home Park.** An approved residential development as shown in the records of the [Planning Division](#) in which individual spaces are provided for the placement of a manufactured home for dwelling unit purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such accommodation.

**Manufactured Home Subdivision.** A residential subdivision as shown in the records of the [Maricopa County Recorder's Office](#), designed and approved in accordance with planned area development and subdivision regulations, in which individual ownership of a lot is permitted for the placement of a manufactured home for dwelling unit purposes.

**Recreational Vehicle Park.** An approved residential development as shown in the records of the [Planning Division](#) in which individual spaces are provided for parking of 1 recreational vehicle per space for temporary portable housing purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such accommodation.

**Recreational Vehicle Subdivision.** A residential subdivision as shown in the records of the [Maricopa County Recorder's Office](#), designed and approved in accordance with planned area development and subdivision regulations, in which individual ownership of a lot is permitted for the placement of a recreational vehicle for temporary portable housing purposes.

### 11-86-3: Public and Semi-Public Use Classifications

**Cemeteries.** Land dedicated to burial of the dead, including mausoleums, crypts, and accessory sales, and maintenance facilities, but not including funeral parlors, mortuaries or crematories.

**Clubs and Lodges.** Meeting, recreational, or social facilities of a private or nonprofit organization primarily for use by members or guests. This classification includes union halls and social clubs.

**Colleges and Trade Schools, Public or Private.** Post secondary educational institutions providing curricula of a general, religious or professional nature, typically granting recognized certification of professional training and/or accredited degrees, including conference centers and academic retreats associated with such institutions. This classification includes business and computer schools, management training, technical and trade schools, but excludes personal instructional services, such as music lessons. Incidental training or instruction done in conjunction with an on-site business use permitted as a primary activity in the zoning district shall not be considered a business or trade school.

**Colleges or Universities.** Public or Private. A post-secondary institution of higher learning that grants associate and/or bachelor's degrees, and may also have research facilities and/or professional schools that grant master and/or doctoral degrees. This classification includes community colleges that grant associate degrees, and/or certificates of completion in business or technical fields.

**Commercial Trade Schools.** Public or Private. Schools established to provide teaching of clerical, managerial, or artistic skills, such as accounting, data processing, or computer repair. This classification excludes establishments providing training for activities that are not otherwise allowed in the zoning district.

**Industrial Trade Schools.** Public or Private. Schools offering training in industrial trades, such as welding or metal fabrication.

**Community Center.** Any noncommercial facility established primarily for the benefit and service of the population of the community in which it is located. Examples include youth centers and senior centers. This classification excludes community facilities operated in conjunction with an approved residential or commercial use that are not generally available to the public.

**Community Garden.** Area of land managed and maintained by a group of individuals to grow and harvest food crops and/or non-food, ornamental crops, such as flowers, for personal or group use,

consumption or donation. The area may be divided into separate plots for cultivation by one or more individuals or may be farmed collectively by members of the group and may include common areas maintained and used by group members.

**Cultural Institutions.** Public or non-profit institutions engaged primarily in the display or preservation of objects of interest in the arts or sciences that are open to the public on a regular basis. This classification includes performing arts centers for theater, dance, and events; libraries; museums; historical sites; aquariums; art galleries; and zoos and botanical gardens.

**Day Care Centers.** Establishments providing non-medical care for persons on a less than 24-hour basis other than Day Care Group Homes. This classification includes nursery schools, preschools, and day care facilities for children or adults, and any other day care facility licensed by the [State of Arizona](#).

**Government Offices.** Administrative, clerical, or public contact offices of a government agency, including postal facilities, together with incidental storage and maintenance of vehicles. This classification excludes equipment service centers and similar facilities that primarily provide maintenance and repair services and storage facilities for vehicles and equipment (See [Public Maintenance Facilities](#)).

**Hospitals and Clinics.** Facilities providing medical, surgical, psychiatric, or emergency medical services to sick or injured persons. This classification includes facilities for inpatient or outpatient treatment, including substance-abuse programs as well as training, research, and administrative services for patients and employees.

**Clinics.** Facilities other than hospitals where patients are admitted for examinations and treatment by one (1) or more physicians, on either a “walk-in” or “appointment” basis. Patients are treated on an outpatient basis and are not admitted for overnight treatment or observation. This classification includes emergency medical services offered exclusively on an out-patient basis, such as urgent care centers, as well as licensed facilities offering substance abuse treatment, blood banks and plasma centers.

**Hospitals.** Institutions providing medical and surgical care to the sick or injured, including operating facilities and beds for patients to stay overnight. These establishments may include nursing facilities, extended care facilities, physical therapy, gift shops, retail pharmacies, employee housing, temporary housing for patient families, cafeterias or restaurants, and related uses operated primarily for the benefit of patients, staff, and visitors.

**Nursing and Convalescent Homes.** Establishment that provide 24-hour medical, convalescent or chronic care to individuals who, by reason of advanced age, chronic illness or infirmity, are unable to care for themselves, and is licensed as a skilled nursing facility by the [State of Arizona](#), including but not limited to, rest homes and convalescent hospitals, but not Residential Care, Hospitals, or Clinics.

**Parks and Recreation Facilities, Public.** Parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, trails, wildlife preserves, and related open spaces, all of which are noncommercial. This classification also includes playing fields, courts, gymnasiums, swimming pools, picnic facilities, tennis courts, and golf courses, botanical gardens, as well as related food concessions or community centers within the facilities.

**Places of Worship.** A facility for religious worship and incidental religious education and offices, and may include private schools (Grades: Kindergarten through 12) for primary or secondary education, as defined in this section. This classification includes churches, temples, and other facilities used primarily for religious services or activities.

**Public Safety Facilities.** Facilities providing public-safety and emergency services, including police and fire protection and emergency medical services, with incidental storage, and maintenance facilities.

**Public Maintenance Facilities.** Facilities providing maintenance and repair services for vehicles and equipment and materials storage areas. This classification includes equipment service centers, and similar public facilities.

**Schools, Public or Private.** Facilities for primary or secondary education, including public schools, charter schools, and private institutions having curricula of general academic education consistent with the academic requirements of the [State of Arizona](#), including kindergarten, elementary, junior high school, and high school, including accessory facilities traditionally associated with schools, such as athletic stadia, cafeterias and libraries.

**Social Service Facilities.** Any noncommercial facility, such as homeless shelters, charity dining facilities, plasma centers, rescue missions, day labor hiring centers, substance abuse detoxification and treatment centers, halfway houses and similar facilities and emergency shelters, that may also provide meals, showers, and/or laundry facilities to individuals with limited ability for self-care, or those persons in need of counseling for employment, or those persons with personal or behavioral disabilities. The term shall include the principal assistance or service facility and all related establishments intended for use by patrons of such facilities. Specialized programs and services related to the needs of the residents may also be provided. This classification excludes transitional housing facilities that provide living accommodations for a longer term (See [Group Housing](#)). The classification also does not include homes for the developmentally disabled, child crisis centers and domestic violence centers.

#### **11-86-4: Commercial Use Classifications**

##### **Animal Sales and Services**

**Small Animal Day Care.** Facilities in which owners of small animals, principally dogs and cats, may contract with the operator for the keeping of pets for short, temporary periods, usually 1 day or less, but occasionally up to a week or so while the pet owner(s) are unable to care for the animals.

**Boarding Stables.** Facilities in which equines are kept for sale or hire to the general public. Breeding, boarding, or training of equines may also be conducted.

**Kennels.** Facilities for keeping, boarding, training, breeding or maintaining for commercial purposes, 4 or more dogs, cats, or other household pets not owned by the kennel owner or operator. This classification excludes pet shops and animal hospitals that provide 24-hour accommodation of animals receiving medical or grooming services.



**Pet Stores.** Retail sales of animals and/or services, including grooming, for animals on a commercial basis. This classification excludes dog walking and similar pet care services not carried out at a fixed location, and excludes pet supply stores that do not sell animals or provide on-site animal services.

**Veterinary Services.** Medical care for small and large animals on a commercial basis. This classification allows 24-hour accommodation of animals receiving medical or grooming services but does not include kennels. This classification includes animal hospitals and clinics providing services such as medical examinations, diagnosis, and procedures; dispensing of medications for animals; providing surgical procedures, and space for supervised recuperation from medical and surgical procedures.

**Artists' Studios.** Work space for artists and artisans, including individuals practicing one of the fine arts or performing arts, or skilled in an applied art or craft. There must be incidental retail sales of items produced on the premises. This category may also include incidental instruction.

#### **Automobile/Vehicle Sales and Services**

**Accessory Automobile Rentals.** Rental and/or parking of automobiles or light-duty sport utility vehicles as an accessory use to a motel, hotel or resort, or a individual tenant space in a [Group C-O-I Development](#) with a limited number of on-site parking spaces available to the rental office. Incidental maintenance of vehicles takes place off site at another facility.

**Automobile Rentals.** Rental of automobiles, including storage and incidental maintenance.

**Automobile/Vehicle Sales and Leasing.** Sales or leasing of automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, and motor homes, including storage and incidental maintenance.

**Automobile/Vehicle Repair, Major.** Repair of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes, and recreational vehicles, including the sale, installation, and servicing of related equipment and parts, generally on an overnight basis. This classification includes auto repair shops, body and fender shops, transmission shops, but excludes vehicle dismantling or salvaging and tire re-treading or recapping.

**Automobile/Vehicle Service and Repair, Minor.** The service and repair of automobiles, light-duty trucks, and motorcycles, including the sale, installation, and servicing of related equipment and parts. This classification includes quick-service oil, tune-up, wheel and brake shops, muffler shops, auto glass services, and tire sales and installation, where repairs are made or service provided in enclosed bays and no vehicles are stored overnight. This classification excludes establishments providing engine repair, body and fender work, vehicle painting, or towing. It also excludes repair of heavy trucks or construction vehicles.

**Automobile/Vehicle Washing.** Washing, waxing, vacuuming, or cleaning of automobiles or similar light vehicles, including automatic, self-serve and hand washing facilities.

**Large Vehicle and Equipment Sales, Service, and Rental.** Sales, servicing, rental, fueling, and washing of large trucks, trailers, tractors, and other equipment used for personal, construction, agricultural, or landscape gardening activities. Includes large vehicle operation training facilities. Sales of new or used automobiles or trucks are excluded from this classification.

**Service Station.** Establishments primarily engaged in retailing automotive fuels or retailing these fuels in combination with activities, such as providing repair services; selling automotive oils, replacement parts, and accessories; and/or providing food services.

**Towing and Impound.** Establishments primarily engaged in towing light or heavy motor vehicles, both local and long distance. These establishments may provide incidental services, such as vehicle storage and emergency road repair services (For automobile/dismantling, See [Salvage and Wrecking](#)).

**Banks and Financial Institutions.** Financial institutions providing retail banking services. This classification includes only those institutions engaged in the on-site circulation of money, including credit unions and businesses offering check-cashing facilities, but excluding non-chartered financial institutions.

**With Drive-Through Facilities.** Establishments providing banking services to patrons remaining in automobiles.

**Banquet and Conference Centers.** Facilities that are rented for short-term events such as weddings, receptions, banquets, and conferences, as a principal business activity (not accessory to another use such as a Place of Worship or Community Center).

**Bed and Breakfast Inns.** Establishments providing not more than 5 guest rooms for lodging on a less than weekly basis typically in a converted single-residence or multi-residence dwelling, with incidental eating and drinking service provided from a single kitchen for lodgers and residents only.

**Building Materials and Services.** Retailing, wholesaling, or rental of building supplies or equipment. This classification includes lumber yards, tool and equipment sales or rental establishments, and includes establishments devoted principally to taxable retail sales to individuals for their own use. This definition does not include hardware stores less than 10,000 square feet in floor area (See [Retail Sales](#)) or Contractors' Yards.

**Business Services.** Establishments that primarily provide goods and services to other businesses on a fee or contract basis, including printing and copying, blueprint services, advertising and mailing, equipment rental and leasing, office security, custodial services, photo finishing, and model building.

**Commercial Entertainment.** Provision of spectator entertainment to the general public including live and motion picture theaters and concert halls. This category excludes cabarets, nightclubs, and similar establishments providing entertainment incidental to food or beverage sales.

**Commercial Recreation.** Provision of participant or spectator recreation to the general public, excluding public park and recreation facilities.

**Small-Scale.** This classification includes small, generally indoor facilities, that occupy less than 50,000 square feet of building area, such as billiard parlors, bowling centers, card rooms, dance studios, exercise studios, health clubs, yoga studios, dance halls, small tennis club facilities, poolrooms, and amusement arcades. This classification may include restaurants, snack bars, and other incidental food and beverage services to patrons.

**Large-Scale.** This classification includes large, generally outdoor facilities such as amusement and theme parks, sports stadiums and arenas, racetracks, amphitheatres, driving ranges, golf courses (daily fee), as well as indoor facilities with more than 50,000 square feet in building area, including fitness centers, gymnasiums, handball, racquetball, or large tennis club facilities; ice or roller skating rinks; swimming or wave pools; miniature golf courses; archery or indoor shooting ranges; riding stables; campgrounds; stables, etc. This classification may include restaurants, snack bars, and other incidental food and beverage services to patrons.

**Eating and Drinking Establishments.** Businesses primarily engaged in serving prepared food and/or beverages for consumption on or off the premises.

**Bars/Clubs/Lounges.** Businesses serving beverages for consumption on the premises as a primary use including on-sale service of alcohol including beer, wine, or mixed drinks, and businesses that do not meet the definition of Full Service or Limited Service Restaurants.

**Coffee Shops/Cafes.** Establishments that primarily serve nonalcoholic beverages, such as coffee, juices, or sodas for consumption on or near the premises, or a specialty snack, such as ice cream, frozen yogurt, cookies or popcorn.

**Restaurants, Bar and Grill.** Restaurants providing food and beverage services to patrons who order and are served while seated and pay after eating. Takeout service may be provided, but a minimum of 30 percent of gross sales revenue must be from serving food to be classified as a Bar and Grill Restaurant.

**Restaurants, Full Service.** Restaurants providing food and beverage services to patrons who order and are served while seated and pay after eating. Takeout service may be provided, but a minimum of 40 percent of gross sales revenue must be from serving food to be classified as a Full Service Restaurant.

**Restaurants, Limited Service.** Establishments where food and beverages may be consumed on the premises, taken out, or delivered, but where no table service is provided. This classification includes cafeterias, fast-food restaurants, carryout sandwich shops, limited service pizza parlors and delivery shops, self-service restaurants, snack bars and takeout restaurants. A minimum of 40 percent of gross sales revenue must be from serving food to be classified as a Limited Service Restaurant.

**With Drive-Through Facilities.** Establishments providing food and beverage services to patrons remaining in automobiles.

**With Outdoor Seating Areas.** Provision of outdoor dining facilities on the same property or in the adjacent public right-of-way.

**Farmer's Markets.** Periodic outdoor sales activities involving the display and sale of fresh produce and locally produced food and beverage items, including baked goods, jams, jellies, and similar food products. The display and sale of hand-crafted artisan items may be considered as an accessory activity, provided the principal activity remains the sale of the food- or produce-related items.

**Food and Beverage Sales.** Retail sales of food and beverages for off-site preparation and consumption. Typical uses include food markets, groceries, and retail bakeries.

**Convenience Market.** Retail establishments that sell a limited line of groceries, prepackaged food items, tobacco, magazines, and other household goods, primarily for off-premises consumption and typically found in establishments with long or late hours of operation and a relatively small building of less than 5,000 square feet. This classification includes small retail stores located on the same parcel as or operated in conjunction with a service station.

**General Market.** Retail markets of food and grocery items for offsite preparation and consumption. Typical uses include supermarkets and specialty food stores, such as bakeries, candy, nuts and confectionary stores, meat or produce markets, vitamins and health food stores, cheese stores and delicatessens.

**Funeral Parlors and Mortuaries.** An establishment primarily engaged in the provision of services involving the care, preparation, or disposition of the human dead and conducting memorial services. Typical uses include a crematory, columbarium, mausoleum, or mortuary.

**Hotels and Motels.** Establishments offering lodging to transient patrons. These establishments may provide additional accessory services, such as conference and meeting rooms, restaurants, bars, or recreation facilities available to guests and the general public. This classification includes motor lodges, motels, hostels, extended-stay hotels, and tourist courts, but does not include rooming houses, boarding houses, or private residential clubs. The lengths of stays for the majority of guests at these facilities are for 30 days or less.

**Laboratories.** Establishments providing medical, dental or optical laboratory services or establishments providing photographic, analytical, research and development or testing services.

**Light Fleet-Based Services.** Passenger transportation services, local delivery services, medical transport, and other businesses that rely on fleets of 3 or more vehicles with rated capacities less than 10,000 lbs. This classification includes parking, dispatching, and offices for taxicab and limousine operations, ambulance services, non-emergency medical transport, local messenger and document delivery services, home cleaning services, and similar businesses. This classification does not include towing operations (See [Automobile/Vehicle Sales and Service](#), [Towing and Impound](#)) or taxi or delivery services with 2 or fewer fleet vehicles on-site (See [Business Services](#)).

**Live/Work Unit.** A commercial or industrial unit with incidental residential accommodations that includes adequate working space reserved for office, commercial or industrial use and regularly used for

such purpose by 1 or more persons residing in the unit and a cooking space and sanitary facilities in conformance with applicable building standards. Up to 67 percent of the gross floor area may be reserved for and primarily used as living space.

**Maintenance and Repair Services.** The on-site maintenance or repair of office machines, household appliances, furniture, and similar items. This classification excludes maintenance and repair of vehicles or boats (see [Automotive Sales and Services](#)) and personal apparel (See [Personal Services](#)).

**Non-chartered Financial Institution.** A business, other than a state or federally chartered bank, credit union, mortgage lender or savings and loan association, that offers check cashing services and loans for payment of a percentage fee. Specifically included are check cashing businesses that charge a percentage fee for cashing a check or negotiable instrument, and payday loan businesses that make loans upon assignment of wages received. Excluded are retail uses in which a minimum of 70 percent of the floor area of the store is devoted to the display or sale of merchandise.

**Off-Track Betting Establishment.** A facility in which simulcasting of horse or dog racing events held away from the facility are shown for the purpose of pari-mutuel wagering. Operated as an accessory use to an [Eating and Drinking Establishment](#) as defined by this Chapter, and authorized by issuance of a Off-site Teletrack Wagering Permit in accordance with [ARS 5-112](#), and [AAD R19-2-401](#) and following.

## Offices

**Business and Professional.** Offices of firms or organizations providing professional, executive, management, administrative or design services, such as accounting, architectural, computer software design, engineering, graphic design, interior design, investment, and legal offices.

**Medical and Dental.** Offices where medical and dental services are provided by physicians, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, and similar medical professionals. This classification also includes physical therapy, massage therapy, and counseling services related to medical conditions.

**Parking, Commercial.** Surface lots and structures offering parking to the public for a fee when such use is not incidental to another activity.

**Personal Services.** Provision of recurrently needed services of a personal nature. This classification includes barber and beauty shops, seamstresses, tailors, dry cleaning agents (excluding large-scale bulk cleaning plants), shoe repair shops, self-service laundries, photocopying and photo finishing services, and travel agencies.

**Plant Nurseries and Garden Centers.** Establishments primarily engaged in retailing nursery and garden products—such as trees, shrubs, plants, seeds, bulbs, and sod—that are predominantly grown elsewhere. These establishments may sell a limited amount of a product they grow themselves. This classification includes wholesale and retail nurseries offering plants for sale.

## Retail Sales

**General.** The retail sale or rental of merchandise not specifically listed under another use classification. This classification includes department stores, clothing stores, furniture stores, pet supply stores, small hardware stores (with 25,000 square feet or less of floor area), and businesses retailing the following goods: toys, hobby materials, handcrafted items, jewelry, cameras, photographic supplies and services (including portraiture and retail photo processing), medical supplies and equipment, pharmacies, electronic equipment, records, sporting goods, kitchen utensils, hardware, appliances, antiques, art galleries, art supplies and services, paint and wallpaper, carpeting and floor covering, office supplies, bicycles, video rental, and new automotive parts and accessories (excluding vehicle service and installation). Retail sales may be combined with other services such as office machine, computer, electronics, and similar small-item repairs. This classification includes secondhand and wholesale stores.

**Large Format.** General retail activities as described above taking place within a store in excess of 25,000 square feet.

**Pawn Shops.** A business in which a principal business activity involves advancing money on the security of pledged goods or purchasing tangible personal property on the condition that it may be redeemed or repurchased by the seller for a fixed or variable price within a fixed or variable period of time.

**Swap Meets and Flea Markets.** Occasional or periodic commercial activities held in an open area where: 1) groups of sellers rent space to display, barter or sell goods to the public; and/or 2) one or more sellers bring goods for auction to the public. A swap meet is composed of semi-enclosed or outdoor stalls, stands or spaces, and is distinguished from a farmer's market or craft fair in that the principal items sold, displayed or bartered at a swap meet are not fresh produce items, art items or handicrafts.

**Tattoo and Body Piercing Parlors.** Establishments whose principal business activity is one (1) or more of the following: 1) using ink or other substances that result in the permanent coloration of the skin through the use of needles or other instruments designed to contact or puncture the skin; or 2) creation of an opening in the body of a person for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. Exception: Piercing earlobes as an accessory or subordinate activity when done at a shop or store selling jewelry as primary activity.

## 11-86-5: Employment and Industrial Use Classifications

### Airport and Aircraft Facilities

**Aircraft Refueling Stations.** Any facility used for storing flammable liquids, combustible liquids, liquefied flammable gas, or flammable gas, and/or the location of equipment used for dispensing such fuels into the tanks of aircraft, or storing transportable equipment that delivers such fuels to be dispensed where the aircraft is parked.

**Aircraft Light Maintenance.** The replacement of a pre-manufactured part, or repair of any part of an existing aircraft, including incidental painting and body work, conducted entirely within an enclosed building.

**Airport Transit Station.** A facility designed to facilitate the transfer of passengers to, from or between transit-oriented transportation systems at an airport.

**Airport-related Long Term Parking Lot.** Commercial or non-commercial parking lots at airports intended for the storage of the personal vehicles of airport passengers or airport employees for periods of time longer than 24-hours.

**Heliports.** An area designed for take-off and landing of helicopters, and including support buildings intended to support and facilitate this function.

**Cement Plants.** A facility for the refinement or mixing of Portland cement, asphalt cement and cement-related products, including concrete, asphalt millings, and concrete batch plants.

**Handicraft/Custom Manufacturing.** Manufacture of crafts, art, sculpture, stained glass, jewelry, apparel, furniture, cabinet making, and similar items using hand tools and small mechanical devices.

**Hazardous Waste Facility.** All contiguous land and structures, other appurtenance, and improvements on the sites used for the treatment, transfer, storage, disposal or recycling of hazardous waste management units, or combinations of these units.

**Incineration of Garbage or Organic Matter.** Burning to ashes of carbon-based refuse or waste that is derived from materials produced during the life-cycle of plants or animals. Organic matter includes paper, wood, food and plastic, as well as the waste products of these and similar materials.

**Light Assembly/Cabinetry.** Putting together, fabricating, or making minor modifications to pre-manufactured items or pre-cut lumber as a last step for items intended to be sold as finished products. Includes assembling cabinets, furniture making and welding of pre-made parts, but excludes metal extrusion, sawmills, and manufacturing.

**Manufacturing, General.** Manufacturing of products from extracted or raw materials or recycled or secondary materials, or bulk storage and handling of such products and materials. This classification includes operations such as biomass energy conversion; food and beverage processing; textile mills; production apparel manufacturing; photographic processing plants; leather and allied product manufacturing; wood product manufacturing; paper manufacturing; chemical manufacturing; plastics and rubber products manufacturing; nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing; primary metal manufacturing; fabricated metal product manufacturing; recycling materials processing facilities in which post-consumer materials are sorted, condensed, baled, or transformed; and automotive, ship, aircraft, and heavy equipment manufacturing.

**Manufacturing, Limited.** Establishments engaged in light industrial activities taking place primarily within enclosed buildings and producing minimal impacts on nearby properties. This classification includes operations such as manufacturing finished parts or products primarily from previously prepared

materials; commercial laundries and dry cleaning plants; mobile home manufacturing; monument works; printing, engraving and publishing; computer and electronic product manufacturing; furniture and related product manufacturing; and industrial services.

**Meat Slaughterhouse or Packing Plant.** A facility for the slaughtering and processing of animals and the refining of their by-products.

### **Medical Marijuana**

**Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility (“Cultivation Facility”).** A building, structure or premises used for the growing or storage of medical marijuana (*cannabis spp.*) and registered with the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) as related to a dispensary.

**Medical Marijuana Dispensary (“Dispensary”).** An entity registered, certified and authorized by [DHS](#) as a “Nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary” that acquires, possesses, sells, distributes, dispenses, or otherwise provides medical marijuana (*cannabis spp.*) to qualifying patients and designated caregivers. Such dispensaries may include on-site cultivation and infusion facilities.

**Medical Marijuana Infusion Facility (“Infusion Facility”).** A facility that incorporates medical marijuana (*cannabis spp.*) by the means of cooking, blending, or incorporation into consumable, edible or transdermal goods.

**Metal Refining, Casting or Extrusion.** An industrial facility engaged in the production of metal parts or components by use of dies, casts or other similar methods.

**Metal Smelting, Industrial.** An industrial facility engaged in the production of metal parts and components from metal ore or molten metal products.

**Oil Refinery/Petroleum Distillation.** Oil related industrial activities involving the processing or manufacture of substances; such as tar, asphalt, asphalt felt, fuels, lubricating oils and greases, paving blocks made of asphalt, creosoted lumber and wood products, other compositions of tar and asphalt with other materials, and roofing cements and coatings.

**Recycling Facility.** A center for the collection and/or processing of recyclable materials.

***Small Collection Facility.*** A center where the public may donate, redeem or sell recyclable materials, which may include the following, where allowed by the applicable zoning district:

- a. Reverse Vending Machines;
- b. Small indoor collection facilities which occupy an area of 1000 square feet or less;

***Large Collection Facility.*** Large collection facilities that occupy an area of more than 1000 square feet and/or include permanent structures.



**Processing Facility.** A structure or enclosed space used for the collection and processing of recyclable materials for shipment, or to an end-user's specifications, by such means as baling, briquetting, cleaning, compacting, crushing, flattening, grinding, mechanical sorting, re-manufacturing and shredding. Processing facilities include the following types:

- a. A light Processing Facility occupies an area of under 45,000 square feet of collection, processing and storage area, and averages two outbound truck shipments each day. Light processing facilities are limited to baling, briquetting, compacting, crushing, grinding, shredding and sorting of source separated recyclable materials. A light Processing Facility shall not shred, compact, or bale ferrous metals other than food and beverage containers; and
- b. A heavy Processing Facility is any Processing Facility other than a light Processing Facility.

**Research and Development.** Establishments primarily engaged in scientific research, and the design, development, engineering, and testing of high-technology electronic, industrial or scientific products in advance of product manufacturing. The production of products, plans, or designs may be part of this classification when the primary purpose of such production is research, development, or evaluation, rather than sale. Typical uses include biotechnology firms, electronic research firms, or pharmaceutical research laboratories.

**Salvage and Wrecking.** Storage and dismantling of vehicles and equipment for sale of parts, as well as their collection, storage, exchange or sale of goods including, but not limited to, used building materials, used containers or steel drums, used tires, and similar or related articles or property.

**Tanneries.** An industrial activity whose principal business is the conversion of rawhides into leather by use of chemical or other methods.

**Warehousing and Storage.** Storage and distribution facilities with limited sales to the public on-site or restricted direct public access.

**Contractor's Yards.** Outdoor storage of construction materials or equipment.

**Indoor Warehousing and Storage.** Storage within an enclosed building of commercial goods prior to their distribution to wholesale and retail outlets and the storage of industrial equipment, products and materials including but not limited to automobiles, feed, and lumber. Also includes cold storage, draying or freight, moving and storage, and warehouses. This classification excludes the storage of hazardous chemical, mineral, and explosive materials.

**Outdoor Storage.** Storage of vehicles or commercial goods (other than construction materials) in open lots.

**Mini-Storage.** Facilities offering storage for individual use. An on-site residence may be present for use by the site manager and family.

**Wholesale.** Establishments engaged in the distribution and sale of items for resale by retail stores, or bulk sale of goods to other professional business, industrial, or institutional users. Such activities are characterized through sales of items in large or gross quantities and not as individual items, and such establishments are typically not open to the general public for the purpose of offering items for individual sale or consumption of goods.

### **11-86-6: Transportation, Communications, and Utilities Use Classifications**

**Airports.** Facilities for the takeoff and landing of airplanes, including runways, aircraft storage buildings, public terminal buildings and parking, and support activities such as airport operations and air traffic control.

**Heliports.** Facilities for the takeoff and landing of helicopters, as a primary use. Heliports typically contain one or more helipads and may have limited facilities, such as fuel, lighting, a windsock, or even hangars.

#### **Communication Facilities**

**Antenna and Transmission Towers.** Broadcasting and other communication services accomplished through electronic or telephonic mechanisms, as well as structures designed to support one (1) or more reception/transmission systems. Examples of transmission towers include, but shall not be limited to, radio towers, television towers, telephone exchange/microwave relay towers, and cellular telephone transmission/personal communications systems towers.

**Facilities within Buildings.** Includes radio, television, or recording studios; telephone switching centers; excludes Antennae and Transmission Towers.

**Freight/Truck Terminals and Warehouses.** Facilities for local or worldwide freight, courier, local messenger, and postal services by truck or rail.

**Solar Farms.** A facility in which the principal activity is the production or conversion of energy from sunlight in the form of electricity or heat for distribution to uses, activities or facilities outside of the immediate location or vicinity.

**Transportation Passenger Terminals.** Facilities for passenger transportation operations. This classification includes rail stations, bus terminals, and scenic and sightseeing facilities, but does not include airports or heliports.

**Utilities, Major.** Generating plants, electric substations, solid waste collection, including transfer stations and materials recovery (recycling processing) facilities, solid waste treatment and disposal, water or wastewater treatment plants, and similar facilities of public agencies or public utilities.

**Utilities, Minor.** Facilities necessary to support established uses involving only minor structures, such as electrical distribution lines, electric vehicle charging stations, reverse vending machines and underground water and sewer lines.

**11-86-7: Agricultural and Extractive Use Classifications**

**Agriculture:** Farming, including plowing, tillage, cropping and installation of best management practices, seeding, cultivating, or harvesting for the production of food and fiber products (except commercial logging and timber harvesting).

**Crop and Animal Raising.** The raising of tree, vine, field, forage, and other plant crops intended to provide food or fibers, as well as keeping, grazing, or feeding of animals for animal products, animal increase, or value increase, and dairying as an accessory use on farms with dairy cattle. The classification excludes wholesale or retail nurseries (See [Plant Nurseries and Garden Centers](#)).

**Mining and Quarrying.** The extraction of nonmetallic minerals, including dredging and sand and gravel pit operations. This classification includes surface mining operations.